

WINDS IN FLIGHT

THE WEATHER

For tonight and Wednesday, slowly rising temperature. Wind from west, light to moderate. Clear, with some light clouds. High 45, low 35. Wind from west, light to moderate. Clear, with some light clouds. High 45, low 35. Wind from west, light to moderate. Clear, with some light clouds. High 45, low 35.

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Convict's Confession Saves Girl on Trial as Slayer

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SING SING LETS GIRL GO

By International News Service.
New York, Nov. 26.—The trial of pretty Elizabeth Bakka, a nineteen-year-old Freemanburg, Pa., girl, for the murder of Mrs. Helen Hamel here last February, came to a dramatic end today when James F. Regan, a convict, voluntarily confessed that he and not the girl was guilty of the crime.

Regan, a man about twenty-eight years old, with a criminal record dating from his eighteenth birthday, learned that the young woman was being tried for her life while he was serving a ten-year sentence in Sing Sing for burglary. No suspicion had been cast toward the convict, and his name had not even been mentioned in connection with the murder.

At a conference with Judge Rosalby and District Attorney Swann early this morning Regan made a complete and detailed confession. "I could not see," the convict declared, "with the thought always present in my mind that the young girl might be convicted and executed for a crime which I committed."

The convict prefaced his confession with a recital of numerous thefts and burglaries. Then, he declared, he learned that Mrs. Helen Hamel, proprietor of a lodging house at No. 232 West 23rd street, kept large sums of money and a quantity of jewelry in her room.

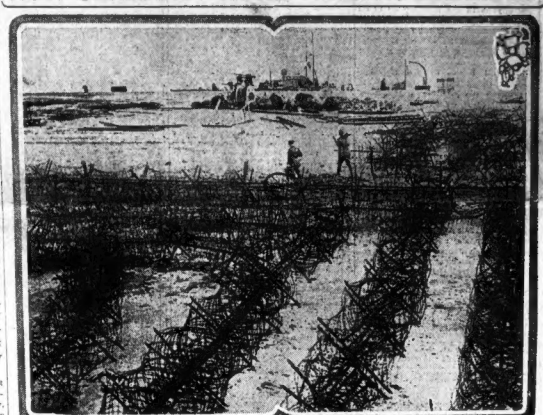
"I made up my mind to get it," Regan continued. "Accompanied by another man, whose name I will not reveal, I went to the Hamel home on the morning of February 13, last, at about midnight. My accomplice remained outside as a lookout while I went in. We had the door unlocked and went through a hallway and into the kitchen.

"Mrs. Hamel was standing by some water in the kitchen. I grabbed a knife sharper and rushed her. She fell back into the kitchen and I went back into the bedroom and took the money and jewelry. I then fled through a back door and hid in a bush.

"I knotted a towel about her neck and held it there until she was dead. She screamed so and fought so hard that I had to choke her to make her quiet. All the time I was telling her to keep quiet or it would be worse for her. But she kept screaming and fighting back to the end."

A rigid investigation of all details of the confession was started immediately by Judge Rosalby. Meanwhile the girl, Elizabeth Bakka, stands technically acquitted.

HOW GERMANS "WIRED" ZEEBRUGGE MOLE



Surface of the mole at Zeebrugge, Belgium, scene of famous British naval raid last April, showing formidable barbed wire defenses erected by the Germans.

MAJ. MURPHY AT HOME, PRAISES COL. LOGAN

"Colonel Edward L. Logan, in my opinion, is one of the best commanding officers that ever led a regiment. He was very efficient and very courageous. He was efficient in his position at all times, and it was through his personal efforts that the regiment was saved a heavy loss of life."

In these words Major Thomas F. Murphy, regimental adjutant of the 191st Infantry, paid tribute to the Massachusetts officer who has been relieved of his command for reasons not yet explained.

Major Murphy returned to his home at No. 41 Pearl street, Dorchester, early today, having been involved on account of a fractured shin.

With enthusiasm unabated Major Murphy told the story of the 191st Regiment at Chateau Thierry, at St. Mihiel and all the other scenes where they carried the honor of Massachusetts to victory. And through all the tale ran the story of the efficiency, the courage and the undaunted spirit of the commanding officer.

Flight by a French Aviator With 25 Passengers

Paris, Nov. 26.—Carrying 25 passengers, Marcel Lormaeu flew from this city to Troyes in 80 minutes today. The return flight was made in 85 minutes. The distance is 90 miles.

In January regular air service will be opened between Paris, Bordeaux, Lyons and Marseilles.

ALLIES TO SINK GERMAN WAR FLEET

London, Nov. 26.—The German high seas fleet, recently surrendered to the allies, probably will be taken to sea and sunk. This action may be taken by the allies. It is reported today, to avoid any controversy incident to a distribution of the vessels among the nations which have participated in the war.

The sinking of the German warships will not be ordered, however, until after the meeting of the peace conference. Meantime opportunities will be given naval experts to examine the vessels thoroughly in order to determine whether they contain anything new in the line of naval equipment.

LOGAN CAN HAVE PLACE WITH EDWARDS

There will be a "shake-up" in the Northeastern Department. It was rumored today around army headquarters. Colonel Edward L. Logan, commanding the 191st Infantry, can have a position on the staff of Major-General Clarence R. Edwards, the new commanding general, if he so desires.

Major John H. Brady will be the new chief of staff, succeeding Colonel Albert B. Williams, who has held that position for some time. Colonel Williams has been twenty-three years in the army and first came to the department as assistant adjutant-general under Brigadier-General John A. Johnston.

The Intelligence Department will be limited to one room. Several army field clerks will be discharged. The Coast Artillery, now under Brigadier-General John N. Ruckman, will come directly under Edwards.

Major Foster Veltenshimer of the Signal Corps will carry on a larger work with greater pleasure. General Edwards says he is convinced the plan section is one of the most important in the army.

MOTHERS KEEP GEN. EDWARDS

Our "Gold Star" mothers met Major-General Clarence R. Edwards today.

The setting was most appropriate—the beautiful Hall of Flags in the State House, where are enshrined the banners which Big State troops carried in the Civil War.

There the former Commander of the 26th Division, the heroic Yankee Division made up of New England National Guard units, greeted mothers of Boston and New England boys in the 26th, and particularly the mothers of those who take the supreme price for liberty.

Edwards made touching mention of the loss he and Mrs. Edwards had sustained in the death of their beloved daughter, Miss Helen Edwards, Coast Guard on Page 4, Column 1.

VICE-PRESIDENT IS HERE FOR VICTORY CONFERENCE
Vice-President Thomas H. Marshall will address the delegates to the Victory Conference of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, when they convene at Symphony Hall this evening. He arrived in Boston today. The delegates include ten employees of the American Writing Company, Hottel, who made record sales for a three week period in a thrifty stamp contest conducted by the mills in which they worked. They are Katherine R. Kenner, of New York; Charles Crowder, Stanley B. Cook, Charles W. Hutton, Donald Cameron, and William Martiny.

How Edwards Took Leave of Command

A touching description of the leave-taking of General Edwards, when he was taken from his command in France, is contained in a letter received by Governor McCall today from Dr. Morton Prince, and written from the headquarters of the Yankee Division, October 29. Dr. Prince says:

"I am writing as you will see from the headquarters of our Yankee Division, where I have passed a most interesting week. Our division still maintains its reputation as one of the premier American divisions."

"It has never yet failed to do the task assigned to it, whether in an advance as at Chateau Thierry and St. Mihiel, or to hold the line as at Verdun and before Toul. And its record will always stand as one of which it and New England may be proud."

Allies May Demand Ex-Kaiser, Rules Lord Chancellor

London, Nov. 26 (2:30 p. m.).—The Lord Chancellor and the Attorney-General have both ruled that the allies have the right to demand the surrender of the former Kaiser and others responsible for the crimes of the war, the Evening News stated today.

The newspaper understands that Holland's position is that she has not the power to surrender the ex-war lord without the consent of the German government.

Paris, Nov. 26.—William Hohenzollern, former Kaiser of Germany, can legally be extradited from his retreat in Holland on the ground that he is responsible for wholesale murders, says Professor Barthelmy, famous international lawyer, writing in the Mail today. Professor Barthelmy points out that German soldiers pillaged, robbed and murdered in violation of the rules of war under direct orders from the ex-Kaiser.

PROTECTION OF U.S. SOUGHT BY LUXEMBURG

By International News Service.
Washington, Nov. 26.—The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has asked the protection of the United States. The request came in the form of a wireless message to President Wilson, it was learned at the State Department today.

"The duchess asks President Wilson to intervene in behalf of the grand duchy of Luxembourg to prevent invasion in that small country by German troops returning home."

The message further requests President Wilson to protect Luxembourg from the coming German offensive, and with the policy of the United States to recognize the rights of small nations.

President Wilson has referred the communication to the Supreme War Council at Versailles.

Regular Editions of the Boston AMERICAN Will Be Omitted Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day

Demand Sent for Foch
Paris, Nov. 26.—A demand that Marshal Foch be given a place at the peace conference round table was issued by General Chantia in the Echo de Paris today.

U.S. TROOPS NOW ON PRUSSIAN SOIL

New York, Nov. 26.—Bloody pogroms are taking place throughout Galicia, details of which were received today by the Zionist organization of America. At Brzesko (Brzozow) the cellars are full of dead, and many Jews were shot down as they fled along roads leading from the town. At Przemysl the Polish Legion looted all the Jewish shops. Fugitive Jews that took refuge in Bohemia are mercilessly being deported.

Paris, Nov. 26 (Noon).—American troops have entered Prussia, reaching the city of Treves, according to information received here today. (Treves is five miles inside the German frontier, lying on the Moselle River.)

The American reaching that city were advance guards of the American army of occupation that passed through Luxembourg. At Treves the Germans surrendered a number of aeroplanes in accordance with the armistice terms. Major William Thaw of the American air forces received the surrendered air material.

London, Nov. 26.—A dispatch reaching Copenhagen says General Ludendorff is effecting the organization of a large body of soldiers, who are to be known as the White Guards. Another report states that Ludendorff has left Germany and is on his way to Sweden. Another dispatch states that General von Beseler, Governor-General of Poland, has fled from that country.

U. S. SUBMARINE CHASERS SAIL FOR HOME IN "FARTHEST AUSTRIA"

London, Nov. 26.—A number of American submarine chasers, which have been in duty in European waters, left for home today, accompanied by their parent ship, the Buckenham. The Italian on Monday occupied Vercelli, Italia and Pavia.

SOVIET TAKES OVER GERMAN EMBASSY AT HAGUE

Amsterdam, Nov. 26.—Two delegates from the Berlin Soviet (Workers' and Soldiers' Council) arrived at the Hague today to assume control of the German legation. They are known to be in touch with the former Kaiser.

ALLIES WILL GO TO KIEL TO STRIP GERMAN NAVY

London, Nov. 26.—An allied naval committee, which will supervise the dismantling of the German warships, will go to Kiel today to strip the German fleet. It was learned today that a British representative of the committee has arrived.

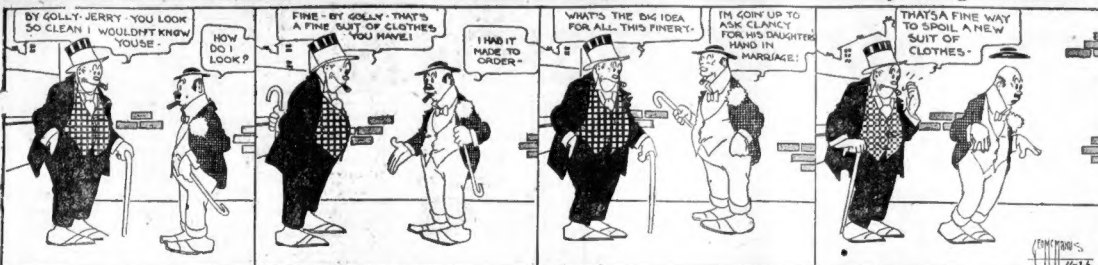
BAVARIA WANTS BOARD TO FIX WAR DAMAGE

Paris, Nov. 26.—The new coalition government of Bavaria has asked the United States for authorization to send a commission into the devastated area, since to estimate the damage done by German troops, said a German newspaper in the Reichstag today.

BRINGING UP FATHER

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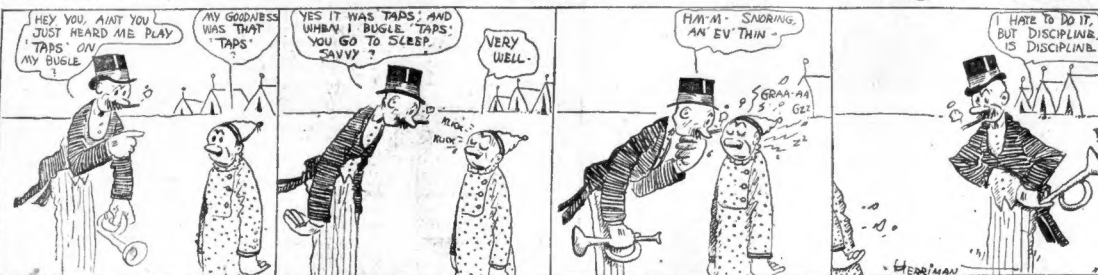
By George McManus



BARON BEAN

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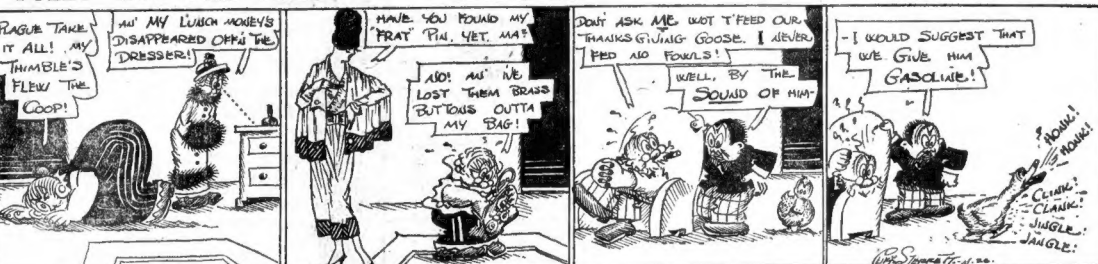
We Can't See Anything to Be Sure About in This



POLLY AND HER PAIS

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There Must Be a Reason for All This



US BOYS

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Oh, Well; That's Different



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No News Is a Nuisance



ASK "SOLDIERS' FRIEND" YOUR QUESTIONS

New Bureau of Boston American Hits Popular Chord With Readers

The SOLDIERS' FRIEND on the Boston AMERICAN is finding a quick welcome from readers. The Boston AMERICAN will publish daily news and information of particular interest to soldiers and sailors and their families. Questions concerning the operations of the draft and the welfare of the men in military and naval service will be answered promptly.

The AMERICAN invites the cooperation of all its readers in this work. Advice will be given on legal matters, pensions and disability claims and similar subjects. Information concerning hotels and places of entertainment in this city will also be available.

THE SOLDIERS' FRIEND, Boston American, No. 82 Summer Street, Boston.

MRS. M. M. W.—As your husband is an enlisted man, serving his second enlistment in the United States Navy, he probably cannot secure his discharge except by special favor of the Secretary of the Navy. His case is quite unlike that of those of Naval Reserve, or "men called in the regular navy for the duration of the war. The navy will be maintained on a greater scale than ever before in peace time. The result of the cessation of hostilities. His release would probably be very difficult to secure in any ordinary way.

A LYNN MAN—There is no pension system yet as a result of the present war, other than the War Risk Insurance and much special compensation at sea.

A FRIEND OF THE BOSTON AMERICAN—Army War Risk Insurance is payable in monthly installments under the law by which it was established. It cannot be demanded in a lump sum. The law was specially designed to prevent such immediate payment.

A SOLDIER FROM CAMP DEVEREN—According to your office, the so-called "combatant unit" are the ninth and last class able to be discharged. It is mandatory that a distinction will be made between one and drafted into the 13th Division. It seems likely that troops in the environment will be demobilized fairly rapidly during the winter. But the War Department's plan are not completed.

M. J. WHALEN, MANCHESTER, N. H.—Write to the War Department, Washington, D. C. for information of your nephew's whereabouts, giving the name of his company, regiment, and the date he was drafted. While the war is on, it is not possible to give out information where he actually was in France; but you can probably find out now.

FANEUIL HALL MEETING

ON PEACE PLAN

Advocate of two of the most important points in President Wilson's program, "Freedom of the Seas" and "League of Nations" will gather tonight, at 8 o'clock, in Faneuil Hall. The question to be discussed is, "What the President's Peace Program Really Means." Franklin Westcott will preside. The speaker will be George Fred Williams of Boston, Dr. George W. Clemens of Washington, Professor Henry Woodworth Langford of New York, and Mrs. Agnes Meyer of New York. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Committee on a Democratic Peace, and it is understood that the purpose is to clear up any possible doubt that may exist on the determination of these two propositions.

All New England honors Major-General Clarence R. Edwards, former commander of the 28th Division in France—YOUR boy's commander in the war.

Patriotic Portrait, 1157 In. FREE Next Sunday with the ADVERTISER AMERICAN.

WALTHAM RED CROSS NAMES NEW OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Waltham Red Cross was held in the Waltham High School Hall and elected officers for the coming year. Addresses were made by the retiring officers, Dr. William P. Jarvis and by the Rev. Palfrey B. Perkins of the Waltham Baptist Church. The determination of these two propositions.

Lecture for War Orphans

A lecture for the fund for relief of the French and Belgian orphans will be held at the Beth Eden Baptist Church tonight. The Rev. Ernest Graham Galt, recently returned from his second trip to France, will speak.

Hooray for Banana Peel "Gets-It"

Only Real Way to Get Rid of Corns



Why jump around on the floor and with your toes and eyes popping out? Only one way to get rid of your corns and get your feet into a pair of comfortable shoes. The "Gets-It" is a new and simple way to get rid of your corns. It is a guaranteed remedy, and it is the only one that is guaranteed to get rid of your corns. It is a guaranteed remedy, and it is the only one that is guaranteed to get rid of your corns.

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BORROWING TROUBLE AS A RULE IS FAR MORE EXPENSIVE THAN BUYING FUN



JOHNSON'S FEELINGS

By ED CURELY.

New York, Nov. 26.—In all probability Ban H. Johnson, president of the American League, and John A. Heydler, acting executive of the National League, will wait on William H. Taft within the next few days and ask him to accept the recently made him to become the main member of the National Commission.

Johnson left town early for Chicago, the headquarters of the American League.

It is understood that Big Ban is highly in favor of having Mr. Taft on the National Commission and it is even said that he is ready to forget his bitterness toward Harry Frazee of the Boston Red Sox to place the former President of the United States on the board.

JOHN HAS ON HAND WAGON.

Johnson, according to reports in circulation early today, has a number of friends at the Hotel Waldorf, where returning west that the club owners should feel mighty proud to have a former President of the United States would even consider such an offer.

Furthermore, it was said today that Johnson would be a member of the American League, and that he would be a member of the National League, and that he would be a member of the American League, and that he would be a member of the National League.

REVEALS LATE TALK.

"It means more to the club owners than they realize," said Colonel Huppert, "Mr. Taft is known to the baseball world as a former President of the United States, and it is a great honor to have him on the board of the American League."

HAPPY HOLIDAY PROGRAM GOING ON AT C. A. C.

By RINGSIDE.

A fine list of hosts has been arranged by the Commercial A. C. for the week Thanksgiving day afternoon, three ten-rounders and a six-round contest for the holiday.

The final bout between Bobby Jones and Al Dwyer in six rounds, which was a looking as could be arranged between the two fighters.

DANIELSON COUNTS TO GET IN LITTLE GAME

The opening line shows that Jones is heavier and will give a good fight. The game will be a close one.

MOFFMAN HOPEFUL OF GETTING IN BROWN GAME

Bobby Moffman, the only crippled member of Harvard's service football squad, was to join the Crimson at work this morning. He is confident that he will be available for Saturday's game with Brown.

CONNIE MACK HAS IT FRAZEE IS TOO FRESH

Philadelphia, Nov. 26.—Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, said today he is not too fresh under the circumstances. The American League could induce the action taken by the New York Giants to the Boston Red Sox and Harry Campbell of the New York Giants.

CONSIDERABLE FRAZEE MOVES AS HIGH BANNER

and remarked that he would not run in the league.

A cure cure for the Sunday blues

That page in color of "Bringing Up Father" by George Jenkins, New Sunday in our ADVERTISING AMERICAN.

BOSTON AMERICAN SPORTS

SILK-HAT HARRY

LOOKS AS THOUGH HE' HAVE TO TIE UP THE OLD EXERCISE—GEE IT MAKE AN ANGRY RACKET



HE THINKS HE CAN'T TIE UP WHICH ONE WAS IT?

IT WITH THE ONE WHO PLAYS THE CORNET ALL 2-AM

HOW DO THEY GET THAT WAY?

ON ALEX. THRE-MAN NECKTIE DOOR COMPLAINED ABOUT THE RACKET YOU MAKE AT THEM IN THE MORNING

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By TAD

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STIRRING FINISH FOR HUB POLOISTS

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Worcester	3	2	1
Waltham	2	3	1
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SAWYER TO PILOT 1919 HEBRON ACADEMY TEAM

Portland Me., Nov. 26.—Edward E. Sawyer of West 20th, has been elected captain of next Fall's Hebron Academy football team. He played center and it was on account of the wonderful game he put up against Exeter that won him the leadership.

Treat 'Em Rough

By NICK FLATLEY.

Baseball itself Again.

Now that the war is over, baseball has slipped back to normal. Witness, the unexpected nomination of William Howard Taft for the presidency of the National Commission.

Now, the former President would be an ideal individual for the job. He has the judicial mind, and in his wide experience, has learned to brush aside petty trifles. Which latter qualification would fit him preeminently for the illustrious Commission.

The fact that he is the best man in the country for the position naturally stirs up trouble, baseball, as we have said, using back to usual conditions.

In the old days the managers of the money making clubs acted just about as they wished. They proposed something, and the rest of the world peace was engendered.

It was this dictatorial attitude that hurt the popularity of the game so that a Federal League could be started, and athletes violate their contracts, hold up owners, and get away with it.

Fans Want Square Deal.

When the game comes back, as it will probably in the Spring, this sort of procedure will not go with the ultra-generous public. The chap who has paid his half or his dollar, day after day, season after season, is alive to facts, as we see things.

Baseball must be changed all over before it can profit by the generous spirit that world peace has engendered.

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COLLYER'S SELECTIONS

AT LATONIA:
—Miss Jean, Paris Maid, Lady Lindeberg.
—Verhille, Stephen H. Rochester.
—Clerk, Ernest H. Hornin.
—Housewife, American, Prager.
—Harris, Harry's Head, Don DeLage.
—Hamilton, A. High Case, Case Har.
Most probable—WINGLO.

AT BOWIE:
—The Talcher, Candle Light, Agnes Cook.
—King Plaudin, Durburn Lane, Albion.
—Snyder, Triple Spring Farm center, Sam Hill.
—Frazee, Javie, Higness.
—Frazee, Lather, Indian Chant.
—Dallmore, Gray Eagle, Dan. Most probable—BAL-HIGH.

BY THE WHIP
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—Mikhalis, Napoleon, Petrie.

HARVARD HEADS WILL GO TO NATIONAL MEET
Dean Lelland H. Briggs, chairman of the Harvard Athletic Committee, and Major Fred W. Moore, graduate manager and treasurer of H. A., will be the university's representatives at the National Amateur Association meeting next month in New York.

CAN YOU SHOOT? WELL, GO AND GET YOUR BIRD

The Standard Rifle Club will have an all-day target shoot on its range at Tower Road, South Lincoln, Thanksgiving day. There will be 200-yard, 300-yard and 500-yard events, with turkey up as prize in each event.

On School Gridirons

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In Trying to Dam Progress the Interests Breed Bolshevism

The American Government, acting through Postmaster-General Burleson, has taken possession of the cable lines over which communication with Europe is held.

Thus the Government possession and operation of the telegraph and telephone lines by the Postoffice Department has been completed; thus the people of the United States, years behind the peoples of other great nations, are about to operate, as an exclusive public function, all the great lines for the transportation of intelligence.

But many of the profiteers and parasites of privilege are growing, and their representatives in Congress have set up a long howl against what they call the "Bolshevism and Socialism" in this act of our National Government.

Mr. Clarence Mackay, president of one of the private companies now owning and operating the cables, calls Mr. Burleson's act of taking, on behalf of the Government, these cables "an act of Bolshevism." Senators Watson of Indiana and Sherman of Illinois declare in the United States Senate that this is Socialism, and they proceed to denounce Secretary Daniels of the Navy, Secretary of War Baker and Postmaster-General Burleson as Socialists. These Cabinet officers are Bolshevists in the opinion of these reactionaries because they want the nation to own and operate the railroads and the other great public utilities of national importance.

Now consider what must be the attitude of mind of the high financial gentlemen who permit one of their number to denounce the act of our Government in taking over the telegraph lines as an act of Bolshevism and Socialism, and who facilitate their representatives in Congress to denounce the leading members of our national Cabinet as Socialists for believing in the Government ownership and operation of our lines of transportation of persons, property and intelligence.

If this is Bolshevism and Socialism, then of course a majority of the people of the civilized world are Bolshevists and Socialists, and nearly all the great civilized governments, except the United States, are Bolshevist and Socialist governments.

The American people have permitted their Government to fall behind the other great nations of the world in the advance of progress that is marked by the extension of the Government's functions into these services which the Government can perform best and which cannot be left to private enterprise without waste, mismanagement and political and private corruption, all of which tend to UNDERMINE THE FOUNDATIONS OF DEMOCRACY.

When the war broke out our railroad, telegraph and telephone services in private hands were so mismanaged that the Government was compelled, as a war measure, to take possession of them and to operate them as exclusive public agencies.

In a sense, a people are always at war with a tendency toward retrogression, inefficiency, waste and corruption. There never was a time, even during the period of most profound peace, when there was not even a war cloud on the horizon so big as a hand, that a great people could afford to have one of its most vital services inefficiently or corruptly managed, so that speculative financing might be able to accumulate out of mismanagement that service huge private fortunes which, both in the way they were accumulated and in their power after they were accumulated, threatened the stability of democratic institutions.

Great civilized nations of the world have taken possession of their public utilities and are operating them today because they appreciate that to do so was a proper function of the Government and resulted in better service.

But in America we have a greater, more vital reason for insisting upon the abolition of private management and operation of our railroads and other public utilities. We have found that in this private management lies three-fourths of our political corruption; of our party bosses; of our invisible, irresponsible government; of the secret control of our legislators, our district attorneys, our governors, our judges, our congressmen and even, sometimes, of our Presidents. We have learned that our railroads were more powerful than the great sovereign State; that a president of a railroad sitting in his private office could make and unmake judges, senators and governors; could turn out one political party and put in another; and that he sat without responsibility to the people and without knowledge on the part of the people of the power he exercised as when he gets it. We know that this power was exercised against the public interest; was exercised to enable the accumulation of dangerous private fortunes, which in their turn become a danger to democracy; we know that from the exploitation of political power, which increases under private management of a great public utility, has come three-fourths of the predatory fortunes in America.

We know that this power is exercised to prevent progressive laws, which would alleviate unjust conditions of the poor in this country, would protect the middle classes from robbery of their invested savings. We know, therefore, that it is vitally imperative to the preservation of our theoretical democracy that we should abolish the

private management of the public utilities out of this land of ours.

If we gain nothing else from the war, the progress we have made toward public operation of the public utilities has been worth all the war cost to us.

What is the significance of this cry of Bolshevism?

Again we ask the public to consider it—especially the middle class of citizens, the men who have nothing to gain from dishonesty in public office, who want a clean, democratic government, who want to be protected in their properly earned savings, who want to be protected against the dangerous extremes of high finance and revengeful violence and confection by the excitable elements of the community, fomented by the injustice of the predatory class.

The thoughtful, intelligent citizens among the middle class will recall how they have ALWAYS suffered from the reckless misconduct of the exploiting classes—whether they were financial speculators, great landlords, framers of the revenues, or that class which makes private profit out of a false patriotism.

It is the middle class, whose only offense is submission to their exploiters, who suffer most. Those who have nothing, suffer only in the increase of the cost of their living. But the middle class, who have accumulated savings or by industry have acquired a place in the world, which is itself equivalent to an accumulation, suffer not only in the higher cost of living which this exploitation brings about, but they suffer in the resultant disorder which causes the loss of their property or the loss of their position in the world which they have won by self-sacrifice and painstaking effort.

The middle class of every community is its stable class. They are the ballast of the ship of state always. They have never yet failed to control the Government when they have aroused themselves seasonably to the dangers which confronted them.

The AMERICAN wants to warn the middle class of America to look sharply to these reactionaries in the ranks of the predatory financiers who are now beginning to organize opposition to the continued possession by the Government of the public utilities. These high finance speculators want these railroads back to gamble with again, to exploit again.

The American people are among the most patriotic people in the world. But that very virtue is in itself a source of danger to those who are doing their best to exhaust that patience. The old adage "beware of the wrath of a patient man" applies as well to a people as it applies to an individual.

The reactionaries throughout the country have taken great heart at the election of a Republican President. They think that this election is a mandate from the people to put privilege back into the saddle, it would be well for the middle classes to watch out.

If the political inequalities of democracy are not sufficient for the American people to control their Government and to compel it to keep ahead of the demands of the people, the principles of the world, then the American people when patience is exhausted are sure to seize some other agencies, outside of those provided by present forms, to work their will.

We know that what has meant to other countries. If there is any cause wonderfully calculated to propagate Bolshevism and Socialism in this country, it is the course which men like Mr. Mackay and politicians like Senators Watson and Sherman are pursuing. When you cry Bolshevism and Socialism against an act of government so mild and so tardy as the assumption of the telegraph and telephone lines and cables, you cry Bolshevism and Socialism against most of the civilized world and against the convictions of a majority of the American people.

If we would avoid the extremes of Bolshevism, we will be careful not to cry out against what we know are honest, wise, sound changes in our political, social and economic conditions. If we would avoid Bolshevism in this country we will recognize that the true prevention of actual Bolshevism is genuine democracy and that shall not have genuine democracy in this country until we have thrown out of their places of irresponsible political power all the private managers of these great public utilities, and until we have remedied many of our unjust economic and social conditions.

Let us remember always that the revolutions which have shaken the world were caused not by the mob, but by the men who want to get wealth and to exercise power without heed either to justice or the consequences of their unwise and unpopular acts. Let us remember that violence has always throughout all history, without a single exception, followed lawlessness and blind, reckless selfishness and lawlessness by a small class of exploiters or high financiers.

The pity of it all has always been that when the guilty went down in the cataclysm produced by their own inequities they always drew the middle class into the vortex, destroying them as well as their class in other countries and should protect themselves and their country from the reckless greed of the predatory financiers.

The Boss Gets It

By T. E. Powers



Christmas Over There

By Claire J. Holburn

CHRISTMAS days are drawing near.

Let's give the blindest share

Of all our joys and Christmas gifts

To the boys way over there;

For they have all looked forward

To Christmas time this year.

When war days would be near.

And peace days would be near.

We've treasured all the letters,

In which all the boys would say,

"We may not eat our Christmas dinner,

In the good old U. S. A."

Now, we know they won't all get here

In time for the Christmas tree,

But Santa Claus can travel fast

On land and over the sea.

And each one will be anxious,

As anxious as can be,

For they'll hang up their stockings,

Though we're not there to see.

And no one will be elated,

For we'll do our very best.

To make those dear boys feel at home,

With Santa as their guest.

We'll be so happy over here,

To think we must have died.

'Twill be the merriest holiday,

That we have ever had.

We'll wish them many Christmas days,

And Happy New Years, too.

But the blindest day for them will be,

When they return to you.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Peace Problems

Editor Boston AMERICAN:

In a recent issue of the AMERICAN I read with deep interest your highly instructive and statesman-like discussion on the "Problems of Reconstruction." Your editorial convinces me that (1) you have a thorough grasp on many of the knotty problems that will come before the Peace Conference for settlement, and (2) that you honestly desire to bring as much light and knowledge to bear on these problems as will help people to form impartial judgments. But in your whole discussion there is one important omission—an omission so glaring as to be conspicuous by its absence.

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TODAY

Its Nose Against the Wall—
The Times Waits Mournfully.
Behold a hideous Spectre.
Two Million Men Well Paid.

By Arthur Brisbane

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The end of the war finds the American people with one clear idea.

Public ownership of public property.

When an issue becomes real, newspapers that represent accumulated capital suddenly become serious, earnest and high-minded.

While the issue is in the nebulous state, as government ownership has been for some years, those newspapers are indifferent, vague, the time hasn't come for them to work, and they realize things slowly, unhow.

The New York Times appears with authority for the moment of money, it was an more faithful to itself than the Times of London, its father-in-law. The Times can truly say in any great corporation, the Lord do so to me and more also it might but death part thee and me.

Examine, therefore, the Times' argument against public ownership. The paper is the paper of Mr. Ochs, but the voice is the voice of high finance.

The Times' editorial said Sunday, "It is time that the people of the United States to take serious note of this evident drift toward government ownership." QUITE so.

The Times definition of government ownership is brief. "Government ownership is state socialism, the socialism of private property the germ of the idea is socialism the purely."

It is the cause our friend France is socialist.

She owns railroads, telegraphs, trams, and all the other things that control the railroads. And France and England jointly own the Channel cables connecting them. Italy, another friend, also is guilty of socialism. If public ownership of public property means this.

The Times becomes quite fearful about the coming attack on "capitalism" and adds considerably to the capitalist class.

"Twenty-five or thirty million Americans have sold their souls by purchasing Liberty Bonds."

That will involve millions of patriotic Americans, that with great difficulty wrapped together from fifty to a thousand dollars to invest in. If your washwoman owns a bond, she's a socialist. DON'T LAUGH. It is very serious.

On Sunday the Times landed its forehead against the wall and waited for a column and a half, then collapsed.

Yesterday, it still stood with its nose pressed against the sorrowful wall. The first column of the editorial page full of warning and advice.

Nobody's weep gives "reasons" against government ownership. How can this reason make you?

If the government is to continue to control the railroads, and with them the express, telephone and telegraph companies, a misfit federal political machine will be the inevitable result.

THE MILLIONS OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES WILL BE SUBSISTED ON AN ASSURED SUPPLY OF UNEMPLOYMENT, UNPROVISION, LONG WAGES AND SHORT HOURS.

Are employees of the postoffice a mighty political Federal machine? Are they underemployed or overpaid? They are paid most moderately, are extremely efficient, and take absolutely no combined political action.

Government ownership, it is true, would give "two millions of Federal employees an assured support," with decent wages and reasonable hours. Would that be a calamity?

Which would do more good, two millions of Americans secure in their jobs, working for their money, paid fairly for a reasonable day's work, or a handful of monopoly owners, doing no work, taking out in dividends every dollar that public monopolies can be made to earn? Is there anything so admirable about a handful of gentlemen speculating, gambling in public property, building private yachts and private cars, living on the national cariers as a blood-sucker in a swamp lived on a dying horse?

Comparison is just. Thanks to the blood-suckers that have lived on railroads, the railroad system was very nearly dead, barely able to stand up, when the Government took it over, and it is now able to stand up, it rebuilt it, and made it efficient.

This is the time to let gentlemen who are making life a lot of children about Bolshevism, that anything could be done to this country—nothing could, fortunately—it would be to take every stockholder and to the other have result at their expense, and the stockholder to the public of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, that robbed every stockholder and to the other magnificent examples of private moment and public ruin.

The best guarantee of government stability is to give body citizens personally and selfishly to the stability of government.

A. REALE.

Once-Overs

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